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2018 FALL **COMMENCEMENT** INFORMATION BROCHURE



GEORGIA SOUTHERN
UNIVERSITY



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FRIDAY, DEC. 7, 2018

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DECORUM

Commencement is a special and significant occasion in your life. Many of your family and friends will come from a long distance to witness this memorable ceremony. Our faculty, staff and administrators have planned the program and arrangements with every consideration to make this an impressive and enjoyable event for all candidates and spectators.

Please follow these decorum guidelines for Commencement:

- Arrive an hour or more before the ceremony.
- Remain quiet and in your seat except when going to the stage or being recognized by your dean and the President. You are not allowed to leave before the ceremony concludes.
- No smoking.
- No alcoholic beverages.
- Wear proper graduation attire. Candidates should wear dark, flat shoes and dress attire with graduation gowns.
- A stole associated with an honor society, a student organization/group represented on campus, or a department of Georgia Southern University may be worn at the commencement ceremony.
- Cell phone ringers must be turned off during the commencement ceremony and only text messaging is allowed during the ceremony.
- No gathering for group photos during the ceremony.
- No use of selfie sticks or noisemakers such as cowbells, horns, megaphones, etc. will be allowed.
- Do not engage in other disruptive behavior during the ceremony.

Individuals not following the above guidelines will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony and will be subject to removal from the ceremony by security personnel; this may result in your diploma and academic transcript not being released. Individuals not following these guidelines will also be subject to disciplinary sanctions in accordance with the Student Conduct Code.



GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY FALL 2018 COMMENCEMENT

Dear Candidates and Guests:

Please note that we will have separate ceremonies based on the campus locations listed below:

STATESBORO CAMPUS GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES for the Fall 2018 graduating class will be held Friday, Dec. 7, 2018, at 1 p.m. in Paulson Stadium. The ceremony is open to candidates completing Fall 2018. Due to the large crowd expected, it is suggested that plans be made to arrive on campus by 11:45 a.m. or earlier. Because there is limited parking at the stadium, it is strongly recommended that you park in one of the designated parking areas indicated on the map on page 9 and utilize the campus shuttle services to and from the stadium. **Guest tickets are not required for this ceremony.**

The Statesboro Campus ceremony is an outside event and will take place rain or shine unless the weather is threatening and compromising safety—**no rain plan.**

ARMSTRONG AND LIBERTY CAMPUSES GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES for the Fall 2018 graduating class will be held Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018, at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Armstrong Sports Center. The ceremony is open to candidates from the Armstrong Campus and Liberty Campus completing Fall 2018. **Due to capacity limitations, tickets will be required for all guests at the ceremony.** Please plan to park at the Armstrong Sports Center only if you have tickets for the ceremony. Parking areas are indicated on the map on page 16.

The information in this brochure is intended to answer all your questions about commencement. Note that because of the two campuses, the brochure includes separate information for the Statesboro Campus (see pages 6-12) and Armstrong Campus (see pages 13-17). Please share the information contained in this brochure with your family and guests. Careful attention to these instructions will assure a memorable celebration of your educational achievements at Georgia Southern. If you have questions, please call the Registrar's Office at 912-478-5152.

Congratulations!


Dr. Velma S. Burden, Registrar

STATESBORO CAMPUS

STUDENT INFORMATION

INVITATIONS / COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS

Diploma frames and other commemorative items are available at the University Store. You may visit the University Store's website at www.gsustore.com to purchase merchandise. Commemorative items will be available for sale at the University Store on Friday, Dec. 7, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and at Paulson Stadium during commencement ceremony.

Invitations, thank you notes and certificates can be ordered through Printing and Postal Services, in the Main Dining Commons, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. or online at georgiasouthern.edu/printingandpostal and follow the links to the online store.

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

Caps and gowns are required and only academic attire approved for the ceremony may be worn.

The University Honors Medallion as well as stoles—which include, but are not limited to, Honor Society scarves/cords and Sorority/Fraternity scarves—are approved graduation attire. We suggest that candidates wear dark flat shoes, dark dresses or dark pants with their graduation gowns.

Students may reserve their cap and gown at www.herffjones.com/college/graduation. Please give your height, weight, degree and major. Measurements must be received by Herff Jones by Friday, Nov. 2, or a \$25 late fee may apply. Cap and gown fees can be paid directly to the Herff Jones Company when you place your order. Any questions about cap, gown and tassel color should be directed to Herff Jones at info@herffjonesstatesboro.com.

Doctoral Candidates: Custom orders for academic attire require additional processing time and must be submitted to Herff Jones by Friday, Oct. 5.

PICK-UP

Commencement attire may be picked up at the Recreation Activity Center (RAC) on Wednesday, Dec. 5, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. If a reservation for attire was not made, please pick up on Thursday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in order to be fitted appropriately. Please be sure that attire is correct when picked up, since little time will be available the morning of the ceremony for adjustments. You may keep your attire – no return required.

TASSELS

For undergraduate students, tassels should be worn on the right side of the cap hanging over the right eye until the President asks you to move your tassel to the left side of the cap during the ceremony. For graduate students, tassels should be worn on the left side of the cap hanging over the left eye. The mortarboard of the cap should be parallel to the ground.

GRADUATION WITH HONORS/ HONOR CORDS

All undergraduate candidates receiving graduation with honors will be emailed before the end of the semester. Your honor cord will be included with your attire. (See pick-up schedule on this page) Pin the honor cord to the gown on the left shoulder. Please email graduation@georgiasouthern.edu by Wednesday, Nov. 7, if you have any questions.

NAME CARDS

A name card will be mailed to each candidate. You **MUST** have this name card before entering the stadium seating area. If you do not have a name card when you arrive at the stadium,

duplicates will be available at your college table near the entrance to the stadium floor. If you have a concern that a reader will have difficulty pronouncing your name, phonetically spell out your name clearly on your name card before the ceremony begins. During the ceremony, you will take your name card to the reader in front of the stage so your name can be read as you cross the stage.

SEATING FOR COMMENCEMENT

The seating for the commencement ceremony will begin at noon at the west end of Paulson Stadium. Students may be dropped off at Gate 1 or Gate 5 and walk along the outside of the stadium to the west end (see pages 10-11).

Your seating location is determined by the college from which you are receiving your degree. You will enter the stadium through Gates 9 and 11 and proceed to the seating area on either side of the Bishop Building based on your college. Please locate the "College" sign for your college and enter the stadium seating area. The seating diagram and entrances are located on pages 10, 11 and 12. There will be staff members available to direct you to your seat in the seating area.

Candidates who require special accommodations for a disability should contact the Student Accessibility Resource Center (SARC) at 912-478-1566 by Friday, Nov. 30, to discuss individual needs for the processional.

PHOTOGRAPHY

A professional photographer will take a picture of you as you cross the stage. A proof of this picture will be emailed to you at your Georgia Southern email address and mailed to your home address so that you may decide if you wish to purchase these photos.

LIVE WEBCAST OF COMMENCEMENT

Georgia Southern University offers the Fall Commencement ceremony as a live webcast on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/GeorgiaSouthern.

Those wishing to view the broadcast can visit the University's Facebook page or GeorgiaSouthern.edu/commencement on a computer or mobile device.

The Facebook Live event will start approximately 5-15 minutes before the ceremony. Due to technical constraints, some Internet Service Providers (ISPs) do not permit the use of their systems to transmit such broadcasts. Should you not be able to view the broadcast, please contact your local ISP.

LIVE BROADCAST OF THE CEREMONY

Relatives and friends may also view the ceremony in the Russell Union Theater and Ballroom or the Williams Center Multipurpose Room. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

GUEST ENTRANCE AND SEATING

Relatives and friends may enter the stadium through Gates 1, 5, 7, 8, 12 or 13. Please refer to pages 10, 11 and 12 for suggested seating of guests according to the college of the candidates. Tickets are not required.

FOOD / WATER

Drinking water will be available for candidates at the water stations located at Gates 9, 10 and 11. Concession stands selling food and drinks will be open throughout the Commencement ceremony.

STADIUM RULES

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in Paulson Stadium. Umbrellas are not permitted in the stadium. Stadium rules will be enforced. Additional information on stadium rules and the Fan Code of Conduct can be found at www.gseagles.com/conduct.

PARKING / SHUTTLE SERVICE

Due to the extremely large crowd expected, it is suggested that plans be made to arrive on campus by 11:45 a.m. or earlier. It is also strongly suggested that you park in one of the designated parking areas indicated on the map on

page 9 and utilize the campus shuttle services to and from the stadium. Shuttle services will start at 11:30 a.m. and will continue until one hour after the ceremony ends. Carpooling is encouraged.

For further traffic and parking information, tune to WVGS 91.9 FM on commencement day.

ACCESSIBILITY ACCESS

If your guest requires special accommodations for a disability, special seating is available. Due to limited seating in the handicap areas, only one person will be allowed to accompany the handicapped person in the handicap seating area. Please see pages 10 and 11 for wheelchairs and other handicap seating.

A designated handicap parking area is available for entry to the stadium in close proximity to the handicap seating area, but space is limited so please arrive early. A state handicap parking permit is required. Please limit handicap seating and parking for those who truly require special accommodations. Guests entering the stadium from the designated handicap parking area should enter through Gates 5, 12 or 13 (see pages 10 – 11). If you have questions, please contact the Student Accessibility Resource Center at 912-478-1566.

Visitors with accessibility concerns are strongly encouraged to arrive early to the ceremony. Wheelchairs will not be available at the venue. For those requiring a wheelchair, we suggest you make arrangements with a private rental company. Pickup and drop off of wheelchairs should be arranged directly with the rental company.

GUESTS REQUIRING AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

American Sign Language interpreting is available. Guests who need access and desire close proximity to sign language services may choose to sit in Section J on the front row which will

be reserved until 15 minutes before the ceremony begins.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAMS

A commencement program listing the names of candidates will be placed in the candidates' seats at the stadium. Guests will receive a program as they enter the stadium.

DIPLOMAS/TRANSCRIPTS

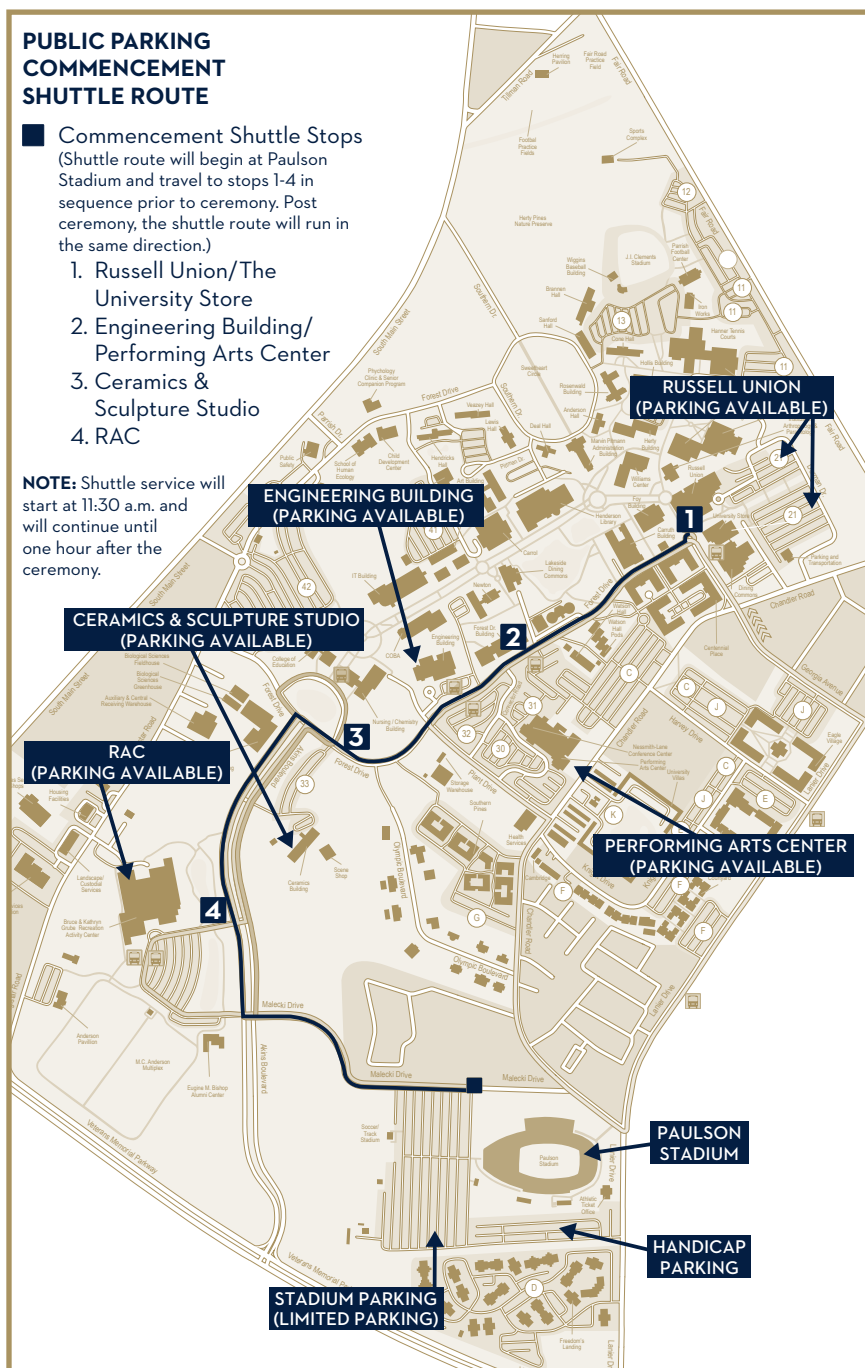
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CONCLUSION OF CEREMONY

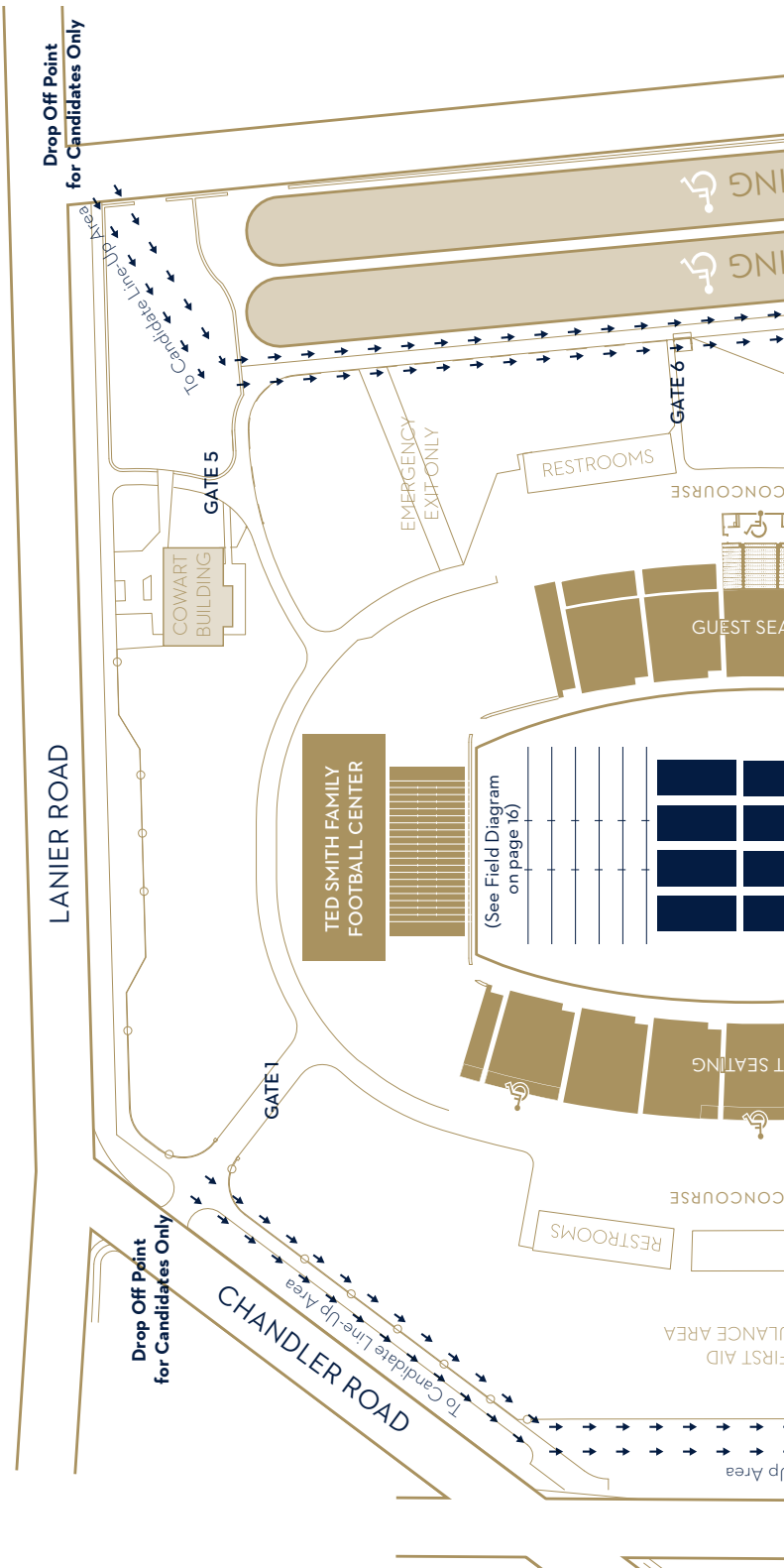
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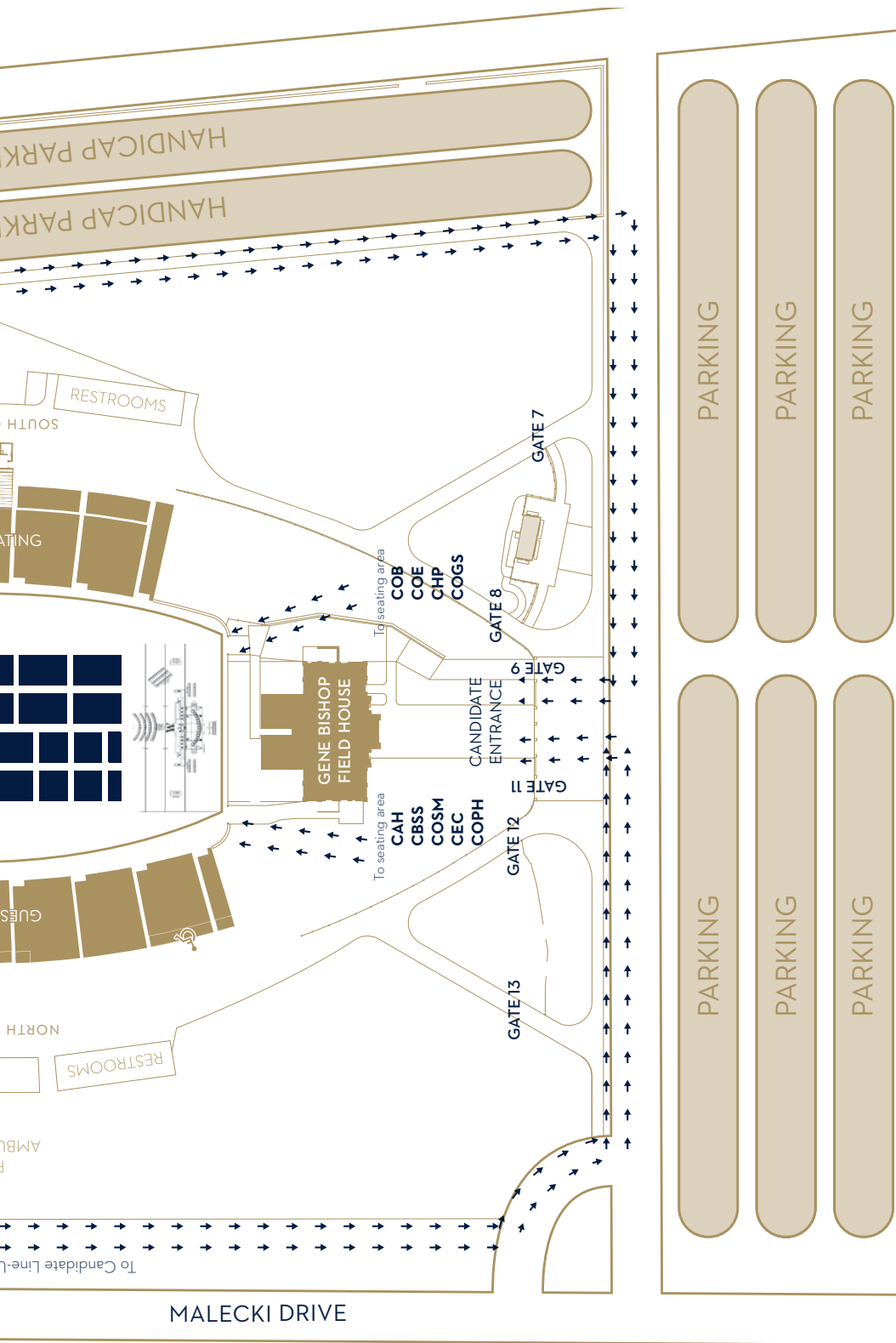
Campus Map

STADIUM PARKING
(LIMITED PARKING)

STATESBORO CAMPUS STUDENT INFORMATION

Paulson Stadium





Seating Diagram

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CBSS	College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
COSM	College of Science and Mathematics
CEC	Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Computing
COPH	Giann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health
COB	College of Business
COE	College of Education
COGS	Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies
CHP	Waters College of Health Professions

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PICK UP

Commencement attire may be picked up at the Graduation Fair, Nov. 12, between 1 pm and 6 pm at the Student Union. If a reservation for attire was not made, please pick up during the Graduation Fair on Nov. 12. If you were not able to pick up your attire at the Graduation Fair, you have an opportunity on Nov. 30 to pick up your attire between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Student Union Ballroom A. You may keep your attire—no return required.

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THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Your name card will list your name at the top of the card and a number at the bottom of the card. This will determine where you stand in line and will allow your name to be announced. Please be sure to bring your name card to graduation.

- **Morning ceremony — 10 a.m.**
Waters College of Health Professions and Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health — Line up on the left hallway outside of the arena when facing the arena.
Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies and College of Education — Line up on the right hallway outside of the arena when facing the arena.
- **Afternoon ceremony — 1:30 p.m.**
Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies, College of Arts and Humanities and College of Behavioral and Social Sciences — Line up on the left hallway outside of the arena when facing the arena.
Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Computing, College of Business and College of Science and Mathematics — Line up on the right hallway outside of the arena when facing the arena.

The cards are numbered sequentially. Place yourself in the correct position by number. Example: 70-71-72. Sometimes graduates cannot make it to graduation. If this happens a number may be skipped. Example: 244, 246. Be in the correct position in line 30 minutes before your ceremony begins. Staff and volunteers will assist you.

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TICKETS

Tickets will be required for all guests at the Armstrong Campus and Liberty Campus ceremonies on Saturday, Dec 8, at the Armstrong Sports Center. Each candidate participating in the ceremony will receive nine guest tickets. Candidates do not need a ticket to attend the ceremony. Tickets can be picked up at the Graduation Fair on Nov. 12 between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom or afterwards at the Registrars Office in Victor Hall.

PARKING

Parking will be available in Parking Lot 1 between the Student Union and Sports Center and in Parking Lot 3 by the Science Center (see page 16). Signage will be posted and police officers will be directing visitors to the appropriate parking areas. Due to holiday shopping, traffic volume along Abercorn Street is very heavy at this time of year. Visitors are encouraged to allow plenty of time to get to the Armstrong Campus, park and get to the Sports Center in time for the ceremony to begin. Limited handicap parking will be available in Lot 1. State-issued handicap parking placard/plate

is required to park in those spaces. Be advised that those spaces fill up early.

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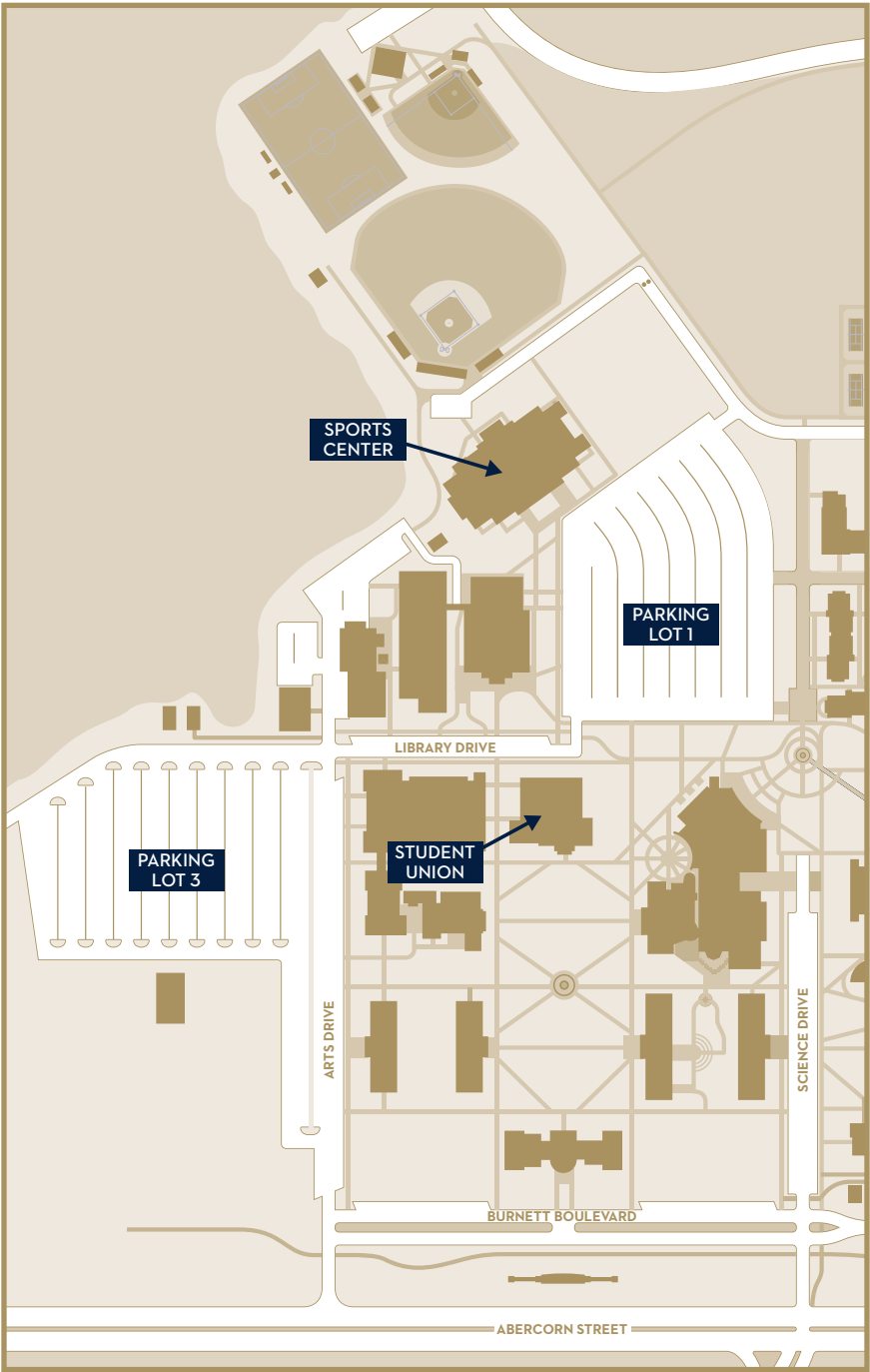
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CONCLUSION OF CEREMONY

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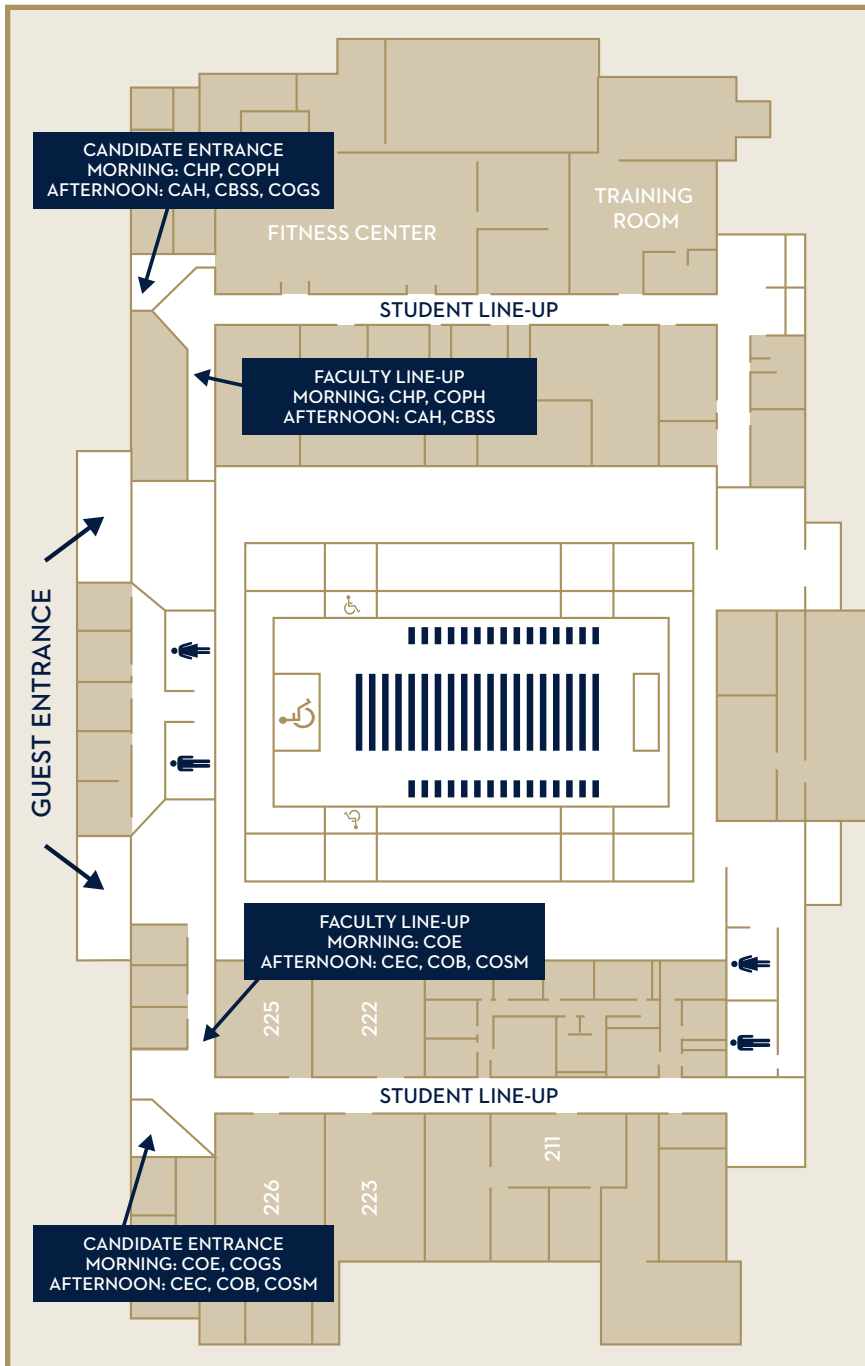
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Campus Map



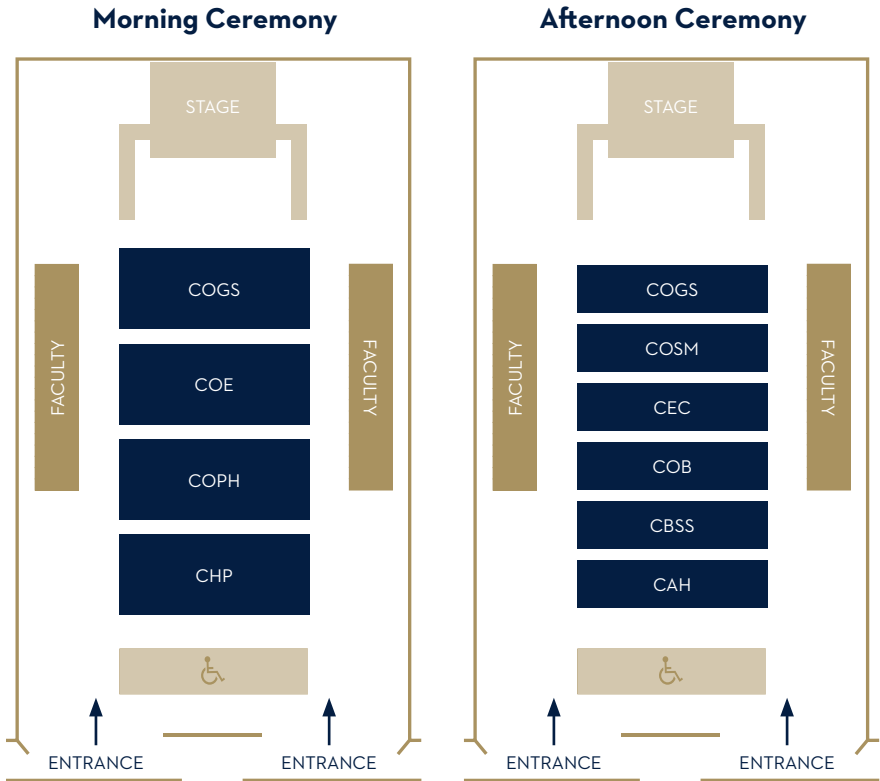
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Sports Center Seating



ARMSTRONG CAMPUS COMMENCEMENT

Seating Diagram



Students

Please be in the correct position in line 30 minutes before your ceremony begins.

Parents

Please use this diagram to locate where your student will be seated. This will help you determine the best seating option for watching your student during the ceremony.

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You did it!

